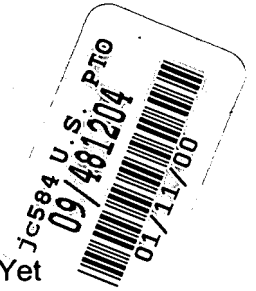


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	Jay S. Walker et al.	)	
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For:	METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR	)	Examiner:
	ADAPTING GAMING DEVICES TO	)	Not Assigned Yet
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Serial No.:	Not Assigned Yet	)	Group Art Unit:
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- A. U.S. Patent No. 4,764,666 entitled "ON-LINE WAGERING SYSTEM WITH PROGRAMMABLE GAME ENTRY CARDS" issued to Daniel R. Bergeron on August 16, 1988.
- B. U.S. Patent No. 4,880,237 entitled "TOKENLESS SLOT MACHINE SYSTEM" issued to Ryutaro Kishishita on November 14, 1989
- C. U.S. Patent No. 5,132,900 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LIMITING MANIPULATION OF DOCUMENTS WITHIN A MULTI-DOCUMENT RELATIONSHIP IN A DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM" issued to Gilchrist et al. on July 21, 1992.
- D. U.S. Patent No. 5,459,825 entitled "SYSTEM FOR UPDATING THE LOCATIONS OF OBJECTS IN COMPUTER DISPLAYS UPON RECONFIGURATION" issued to Anderson et al. on October 17, 1995.
- E. U.S. Patent No. 5,546,523 entitled "ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER SYSTEM" issued to James G. Gatto on August 13, 1996.
- F. U.S. Patent No. 5,561,811 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PER-USER CUSTOMIZATION OF APPLICATIONS SHARED BY A PLURALITY OF USERS ON A SINGLE DISPLAY" issued to Eric A. Bier on October 1, 1996.
- G. U.S. Patent No. 5,741,183 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPERATING NETWORKED GAMING DEVICES" issued to Acres et al. on April 21, 1998.
- H. U.S. Patent No. 5,770,533 entitled "OPEN ARCHITECTURE CASINO OPERATING SYSTEM" issued to John Franco Franchi on June 23, 1998.
- I. U.S. Patent No. 5,816,917 entitled "FLOPPY-DISK ENTERTAINMENT AND GAMBLING SYSTEM FOR PERSONAL COMPUTERS" issued to Kelmer et al. on October 6, 1998.
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